



Full-Time Dietitian

CentraCare is part of the National PACE Association (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly). We are a medical/social-based model of care that provides comprehensive, integrated managed care to frail older adults who are at risk for nursing home placement. Through interdisciplinary team planning and coordination, older adult participants receive patient- and family-centered, coordinated care as they age in place at home. All medically-necessary services and products are provided by CentraCare PACE

Primary Purpose

Provide nutritional care and education to CentraCare participants. This includes evaluating the participant's nutritional status, developing and implementing nutritional care plans, assessing nutrient requirements, recommending nutritional prescriptions, evaluating participant tolerance and effectiveness of nutritional care, and communicating nutritional data and information to the physicians and other health professionals.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Conducts initial and periodic assessments, identifies those at nutritional risk, and develops a specific plan of care for the nutritional needs of CentraCare participants and assures all are completed as described in CentraCare policy. Reassess every 6 months as needed and complete computer documentation as required.
- Assists in monitoring meals, including intake, diet compliance, and tray accuracy.
- Calculates data obtained from food intake and calorie counts and makes recommendations for changes to appropriate staff.
- Maintains current written nutritional management records, including periodic reassessments of program participants.
- Responsible for the management of therapeutic diets, including modification of the general menu to meet individual participant needs and physician orders.
- Determines most appropriate supplemental formula for participants needs and maintains supplement/snacking/bag lunch list and dietary census.
- Maintains sanitation of food preparation and kitchen area through planned and unannounced inspections.
- Provides nutritional education/consulting with clients/family and staff regarding special dietary regimens and nutritional requirements as applicable and/or order by the physician or AND standards.
- Develops and leads group counseling and activities on nutrition.
- Participates in community projects and health fairs by educating and providing education and information to staff and the community.
- Acts as a resource to other staff regarding nutritional requirements for diabetes, wound care, and other physiological diseases.
- Refers participants to appropriate community agencies or facilities, acts as a liaison with such organizations and as advocate for participants.
- Functions as a member of the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT), communicates participant changes to team members, participates in IDT meetings, and the development of the participant plan of care.
- Communicates with food service vendor regarding concerns about menu and for service.
- Participates in policy development of the nutritional component of CentraCare.
- Participates in the coordination of the participant's 24-hour delivery of care services.
- Participates in Quality Improvement Activities.
- Documents in the participant's medical record as required by policy.

- Must care, support, and collaborate with everyone involved in participant's care including the participant's family using the patient-family centered care approach.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited institution with a major in food and nutrition or dietetics.
- Master's Degree and approved work experience preferred.
- Minimum of one year of experience working with the frail, elderly, or long-term care population.
- Must possess a current, unencumbered, active license to practice as a Registered Dietitian in the State of Michigan.
- Must have reliable transportation; current valid Michigan driver's license.
- Possess current CPR certification by AHA or willing and able to obtain as offered by CentraCare.

If interested in applying, go to
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